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**From:** McGrath, Shaun  
**Sent:** Thur 9/17/2015 4:44:09 PM  
**Subject:** RE: MT standard interview request re: Butte

thanks

**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 17, 2015 9:24 AM  
**To:** McGrath, Shaun  
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FYI – the reporter is out until 9/29. As soon as I hear from her we'll schedule the interview and briefing beforehand.

Lisa

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Sounds good. Please develop some talking points/answers to the questions in advance for me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 16, 2015, at 11:23 AM, McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <[Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov](mailto:Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov)> wrote:

Shaun – I understand you would like to do the interview requested by Susan Dunlap with the Montana Standard re: Butte.

Our thinking is that we can offer your availability for 10 minutes or so and then the site team (Vranka, Chergo, Greene) could be available for any in-depth follow up questions. Below are the topics she wanted to discuss with you. I will set up a briefing with the MT team to bring you up to date and work with Betsy to schedule it as well as the interview. Let me know if you want to do it differently.

Lisa

Per Susan's email – topics she wants to discuss:

- Region 8's view of work done in Butte and yet to be done;
- EPA's decision of long standing to leave significant amounts of mining waste in place in Butte;
- EPA's role in continuing consent decree negotiations at the Butte site. While we understand the negotiations themselves are currently confidential by court order, we would like to ask some general questions about the agency's philosophy which we do not believe would violate any confidentiality limitations.
- The current moratorium on remediation work after the Gold King tailings spill and how it might affect Butte;

- The evolving scientific research into Butte contamination and how that research might affect Butte's overall stance regarding site cleanup;
- Significant differences in "action levels" on contaminants of concern in Butte and Anaconda versus other locations;
- And the EPA's view of issues yet to be resolved in the Butte superfund site, including storm water management.

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